

become a member of the Church, and enlisted in Captain Gleason's Cavalry Company of the Nauvoo Legion. Early in life he became a military man. He possessed natural leadership. He was on guard duty in the City of Nauvoo at the time of the assassination of Joseph the Prophet, and for some time after; endeavoring to protect the lives and property of the people from mob violence and robbery. He was bugler of the Nauvoo Brass Band.

Two years after his arrival in the valley, July, 1847, the organization of a territorial militia was commenced among which was the first company



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of cavalry, Captain George D. Grant, commanding, and Mr. Burton acting as bugler for the company. Early in the following year this company was called into active service by the governor to defend the settlers in Utah County against the hostile Indians. Leaving Great Salt Lake on the evening of February 7, 1850, they traveled all night, arriving at Provo early the following morning, where they found the Indians fortified on the south bank of the Provo River. The Indians stoutly defended their position for three days against the attack of the militia.

However, on the third day the little company of cavalry, commanded